Approved For Release 2006/01/17 : CIA-RDP79R00904A000500020084-5

21 March 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SNIE 85-60: Communist Influence in Cuba

1. SNIE 85-60 was scheduled by the USIB at the request of the State Department (M-36, 5 March, Item 6b). It is the first of a two-part exercise on the Communist problem in Cuba. The second estimate, scheduled by the USIB on 15 March (M-37, Item 3b), will be a considerably longer paper setting forth in some detail our analysis of the evidence.

2. The present text is fully agreed upon at the representatives level. However, the Army, J-2, and Air representatives were not certain that their principals would accept the basic conclusion that the Castro regime, despite its pursuit of policies advantageous to the Communists and its acceptance of Communist assistance and advice, "will not come under the domination or control of the international Communist movement." (Para 8)

3. With respect to the follow up estimate, State would like more time to prepare its contribution than could be allowed if the

25X1

Approved For Release 2006/01/17 : CIA-RDP79R00904A000500020084-5

Approved For Release 2006/01/17 : CIA-RDP79R00904A000500020084-5

paper is to be completed in about eight weeks, as the DCID stipulates now call for. Since the effectiveness of this paper depends on the care with which the analysis is carried out, we believe it would be desirable to allow State the six weeks they believe necessary for their contribution. This would mean a DCID target date of 14 June instead of 17 May. Preliminary conversations with State at the working level indicate that the June target date probably would be acceptable to the requesters in State.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

[redacted]
Chairman

Approved For Release 2006/01/17 : CIA-RDP79R00904A000500020084-5